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Dulles' Future

A veteran diplomatic reporter for The Associated Press, John Hightower, predicts that Allen W. Dulles may have a longer lease on his official life than many people thought immediately after the Cuban invasion failure.

This possibility arises not necessarily because he is blameless for the fiasco, but simply because inquiry at the highest levels of government now strongly indicates President Kennedy has not yet decided what he wants to do with the embattled Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Dulles heads.

What does now appear to be highly probable, according to Mr. Hightower, is a violent shakeup of the whole complex of foreign undercover activities carried on by many divisions of the federal government.

The President now has appointed two boards to tell him what to do about the CIA and related operations. One, headed by retired Army Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, is surveying on a grand scale U.S. intelligence, semi-military and guerilla warfare capabilities. It won't report until mid-June.

The other, actually a reorganized agency originally created by former President Eisenhower about six years ago, will serve as an advisory committee on all intelligence activities. Mr. Kennedy has picked Dr. James R. Killian Jr. to direct this group.

The President has let it be known that "at the moment" he has no plan to make any change in Mr. Dulles' assignment. This obviously means he is awaiting the results of the surveys he has ordered.